

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method for copying data from a source to a destination using a data pipe, the method comprising:

identifying at least a first characteristic of a first portion of the data;

identifying at least a second characteristic of a second portion of the data;

copying a first portion of the data through the data pipe in a first chunk in a first format based on the first characteristic; and

copying a second portion of the data through the data pipe in a second chunk in a second format based on the second characteristic, the second format being distinct from the first format.

22. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising:

generating a first header describing the contents of the first chunk; and

generating a second header describing the contents of the second chunk.

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising:

sending the first chunk with the first header to the destination; and

sending the second chunk with the second header to the destination.

24. (New) The method as recited in claim 23, wherein:

the first header indicates where to store the first chunk; and

the second header indicates where to store the second chunk.

25. (New) The method as recited in claim 24, further comprising:

storing the first chunk in a first storage medium in the first format; and

storing the second chunk in a second storage medium in the second format, the second storage medium being distinct from the first storage medium.

26. (New) The method as recited in claim 23, wherein:

the first header includes information on at least one process to be performed on the first chunk; and

the second header includes information on at least one process to be performed on the second chunk.

27. (New) The method as recited in claim 26, further comprising:

performing the first processes on the first chunk; and

performing the second processes on the second chunk.